

Two Outdoor Basketball Courts to be Surfaced

The Los Angeles board of education is reported to have called for bids last Thursday for the installation of asphaltic concrete surfacing on the two outdoor basketball courts at Torrance high school.

Save money! Buy a good lot for only \$150. This offer won't last. See classification 84J.

"Public Notices"

No. 194875 IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

In the Matter of the Estate of SARAH RUTH MERCEREAU, Deceased.

NOTICE OF HEARING OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

Notice is hereby given that the petition of J. FRANK MERCEREAU for the Probate of Will of Sarah Ruth Mercereau, Deceased, and for the issuance of Letters Testamentary thereon to petitioner will be heard at 10 o'clock A. M., on June 3, 1940, at the Court Room of Department 25 of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Los Angeles.

Dated May 6, 1940.

L. E. LAMPTON, County Clerk.

By F. M. ULLRICH, Deputy.

CHAS. T. RIPPY, Torrance, California.

Attorney for Petitioner.

(31,082)

May 9-16-23

NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORK

Public notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Torrance did at a regular meeting of said Council held on the 23rd day of April, 1940, pass a Resolution of Intention No. 1385 to order the following work to be done and improvement to be made within said City, to-wit:

The Closing Up, Vacating and Abandoning of the following portion of that certain street located to the City of Torrance by various deeds and known as State Street, now called (Newton Street) said portion to be vacated being more particularly described as follows:

The Northeast 2 1/2 feet of Lots 16 to 33 inclusive, Block 16 of Walteria as per map recorded in Book 17 at Pages 55 and 56 of Miscellaneous Records of Los Angeles County, State of California.

For a more particular description of said work and for further particulars reference is hereby made to said Resolution of Intention No. 1385 on file in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Dated April 23rd, 1940

WM. GASCOIGNE, Street Superintendent.

Apr. 25-May 2-9-16.

AMENDED NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CHATTEL MORTGAGE CORRECTED COPY

To Whom It May Concern:

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the provisions of Section 3440 of the Civil Code of the State of California, that on the 22nd day of May, 1940, the owner of the hereinafter described fixtures and equipment of that certain Drug Store & 3rd Class Postoffice Station, situated and located at 24250 Hawthorne Blvd., City of Torrance, State of California, intends to place a chattel mortgage upon the said fixtures and equipment.

Loy Knight is the mortgagor of the said property; and his address is 24250 Hawthorne Blvd., City of Torrance, County of Los Angeles, State of California. Globe Investment Co. Inc., a California Corporation, is the mortgagee of the said property; and his address is 862 S. Olive Street, City of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles, State of California.

The Property, fixtures and equipment upon which the said chattel mortgage is to be placed consists of the following: All furniture and equipment located at 24250 Hawthorne Blvd., Torrance, California, a complete inventory of which is now on file at the Globe Investment Co. Inc., 862 So. Olive Street, Los Angeles, California.

The said chattel mortgage is to be executed and the consideration therefor will be paid on the 22nd day of May, A. D., 1940, at 862 So. Olive Street, City of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles, State of California, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Dated: May 14, 1940.

GLOBE INVESTMENT CO., INC. Mortgagee.

By E. F. WOODWARD, (31,190)

May 16, 1940.

Powell Charges Lessing and Stroh With 'Made Up Shortage' in Funds

(Continued from Page 1-A) (former mayor) and the finance committee but it seems that the finance committee did not see fit to inform the rest of us on the council," Powell stated. "I move that Lessing be removed from the office of city judge."

Reminded of Rules

The motion was seconded by Councilman John V. Murray but was defeated by Mayor Tom F. McGuire. Councilmen James Hitchcock and Babcock. Powell then continued his attack. "Owing to the fact that the same discrepancy existed in the police chief's funds, I move that Stroh be removed from office," he said. Murray again seconded the motion which was approved by Babcock, Powell and Murray.

"I move that Ernest Ashton be made police chief effective at once," Powell continued. Mayor McGuire reminded him that, according to the rules, the Civil Service Commission must be asked to submit a list of the three highest qualified men for the office and the council must make its selection from this list.

Attorney Gives Ruling

"I believe I am within my rights to make a political appointment," Powell countered.

"Public Notices"

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

ZELLA HOLE Plaintiff, vs. GUNNAR TANDA HOLE Defendant.

No. L. B. D. 14793

Action brought in the Superior Court of the County of Los Angeles, and Complaint filed in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of said County.

SUMMONS

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA SEND GREETINGS TO: Gunnar Tanda Hole, Defendant.

You are directed to appear in an action brought against you by the above named plaintiff in the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Los Angeles, and to answer the complaint therein within ten days after service on you of this Summons, if served within the County of Los Angeles, or within thirty days if served elsewhere, and you are notified that unless you appear and answer as above required, the plaintiff will take judgment for any money or damages demanded in the Complaint, as arising upon contract, or will apply to the Court for any other relief demanded in the Complaint.

Given under my hand and seal of the Superior Court of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, this 18th day of March, 1940.

L. E. LAMPTON, County Clerk and Clerk of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Los Angeles.

By HELEN WHITED, Deputy (SEAL SUPERIOR COURT LOS ANGELES COUNTY)

Kenneth B. Hughes, Attorney-at-Law, 1313 Sartor Ave., Torrance, Calif.

APPEARANCE: "A defendant appears in an action when he answers, demurs, or gives the plaintiff written notice of his appearance, or when an attorney gives notice of appearance for him." (Sec. 1014, C. C. P.)

Answers or demurrers must be in writing, in form pursuant to rule of court, accompanied with the necessary fee, and filed with the Clerk. Apr. 18 to June 20 Inc.

ATTENTION

We wish to Present to the Residents of Torrance OBJECTIONS to the operation of Food Markets during night hours, Sundays and Holidays. Torrance Merchants have for years past observed Sunday, Holidays and Nights as a period of Rightful REST.

In the last year Food Merchants have invaded the city of Torrance with a NON-STOP idea to LURE the Trade of the Established merchant into shopping nights; Sundays and Holidays thereby creating business conditions of the ANIMOSITY type.

We therefore Appeal to the residents of Torrance and vicinity to pass honest judgment in this matter and give their patronage to the merchant who does desire to LIVE with Regulation as does his neighbor.

BUTCHERS LOCAL UNION 551

CONCURRED IN MAY 11TH BY MILKY WILLIAMS LODGE LOCAL NO. 1414 OF THE S.W.O.C.

Rec. Sec'y Claude L. Haskins

but there was no second to his motion and it died.

Babcock asked for a ruling from the city attorney on the civil service requirements and Attorney John E. McCall replied that the ordinance states that when a vacancy exists in the police department, the Civil Service Commission will submit as many as three highest eligibles for such an appointment. The council then can make its selection from the list.

Ignoring the attorney's advice, Babcock proposed that Sergeant Frank Schumacher, who has been a member of the police department since 1928, be appointed police chief effective June 1. Hitchcock offered the second and the motion carried over Powell's negative vote.

Murray Wants Dignity

"It's somewhat inconsistent to oust the police chief when he's only off \$400 in his accounts and not the city judge who is off about \$700," Councilman Murray interjected. He then conferred with Mayor McGuire about "keeping better order in the council chamber" and insisted "that we have a little dignity about the meeting." The audience after its one burst of applause following the Lessing vote earlier in the session had not made any demonstration over the subsequent voting.

That appeared to be the end of the first "fireworks" following the municipal election but a few minutes later Powell spoke again.

"Owing to this friction in our city," he said, "I move that the council go on record as requesting a grand jury investigation of the books and funds of the police chief and city judge."

This was seconded by Babcock and carried over Hitchcock's negative vote.

Hitchcock Denies Agreement

"I wish to explain why I voted 'no' that member stated. 'I have felt that the judge and police chief are absolutely innocent of any charge or any wrong-doing. According to our auditor and his reports there is absolutely nothing wrong with our city finances or funds. I voted 'no' for the council to request a grand jury investigation because I think the charges should be brought by Powell and Murray alone. They threatened that if Lessing was not discharged they would start the grand jury investigation. It is a matter for them alone and not the council as a whole.'"

Murray questioned Hitchcock: "But, Jim, didn't you agree to this at the 'Blitzkrieg' meeting we held?" he asked, evidently referring to the secret session of Saturday, May 4, which was exclusively reported in advance by The Herald.

"I did not," Hitchcock rapped out and that ended the first of what political wisecracks say will be a series of attempted "purge" sessions instituted by Powell to "clean house" in the city administration.

Grand Jury Routine

The proceedings in accomplishing a grand jury investigation, it is understood, are as follows: When requested, the grand jury asks the district attorney's office to send an auditor to a city to make a check-up. If he decides as result of his preliminary investigation that the case warrants grand jury attention he recommends a probe be made. If nothing of a criminal nature is found in the preliminary survey, the matter is dropped. The entire cost of the preliminary investigation as well as the

Walterian Threatens Assault on City Officials Over Dogs

Threatening to deliver "a punch in the nose" to all Torrance public officials except Councilman Vern Babcock, and the owner of two dogs in his neighborhood, Joet Hagberg, Walteria Longshoreman and twice unsuccessful candidate for council, in a letter to the municipal board Tuesday night set Saturday as a "deadline" for relief from dogs invading his property.

Hagberg's letter blustered that he would "eliminate all of you from public office" if the canines causing alleged public nuisances of themselves were not curbed. Several years ago Hagberg unsuccessfully fought the city dog license ordinance and said a fine for not obtaining a license for his dog.

The city already owns the tip of the triangular plot which measures 60 feet on Carson and

three years, serving with General Pershing in the Mexican Expeditionary Force, seeking Pancho Villa, and at Forts Meade in South Dakota and Wingate in New Mexico. He is married, lives at 1313 Cota avenue, and has a son and a daughter.

Stroh, who has been a member of the Torrance police department since Sept. 5, 1924, was appointed a sergeant in 1934, advanced to a captain in 1934, became director of public safety in charge of the police and fire departments July 1, 1938. The following year that office was abolished by the city council under Mayor William H. Tolson and he was made police chief.

New Chief Ex-Cavalryman

"Sarge," as he is familiarly known, was a member of the historic Seventh Cavalry for four years and was with the 12th for

grand jury hearing, if held, is borne by the county.

Sergeant Schumacher, who is scheduled to succeed Stroh on June 1, is a native of Wilkes Barre, Pa., who came to Torrance in 1920 after serving in the U. S. cavalry for seven years. He became a patrolman here May 30 1928, and was advanced to sergeant six years ago.

County Returns City Property Next to Health Center for Park Purposes

An odd-shaped parcel of land which the city of Torrance deeded to the county in 1932 for the Health and Welfare Center will be returned to this community and made available for park purposes. It is located at the junction of Carson street and Plaza del Amo and has a 200-foot frontage on Carson and 403-foot frontage on Plaza del Amo.

The return of the large property, which bears a fine stand of trees, was arranged by Councilman Hitchcock and Supervisor Oscar Hauge. At one time, the triangular park was a beauty spot here but it has been neglected and now presents an untrimmed and unkempt appearance.

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When the area was originally deeded to the county by the city, which was under the administration of the late Mayor John Dennis, it was believed that the county would establish a township court on the land adjoining the Health and Welfare Center. This did not materialize and since then the city has been anxious to recover its gift and make the land the attractive recreational spot it once was.

It is proposed that a model relief map of the Pan American highway be placed on exhibit throughout the run of the Golden Gate International Exposition.

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Contributory Pension Plan Is Launched by U. S. Steel Corporation

B. F. Fairless, president of United States Steel Corporation, announced today the establishment of the United States Steel Contributory Pension Plan, provision for which was made when the pension rules of the corporation pension plan were revised last December.

The new Contributory Plan makes provision for retirement pensions with respect to service after 1939 for those employees whose earnings are in excess of \$3,000 per year, or \$3,600 per year in the case of railroad employees. Earnings under these limits are not covered by the Contributory Plan for the reason that the Federal pension laws—Social Security Act and Railroad Retirement Acts—provide pensions with respect to such earnings. Thus, by means of the United States Steel Contributory Pension Plan and the public pension plans, pension coverage with respect to all employe earnings is now available to all employes.

TO CHARTER EVENT

A group of local Kiwanians, headed by President E. E. Murelson, will attend the charter presentation ceremonies next Tuesday, May 21, when the newly-organized El Sereno club is organized in the cafeteria of the Woodrow Wilson high school.

Storm Drain Fund in New Budget

The sum of \$100,000 for the construction of the long-delayed, Lomita boulevard storm drain is set up in the new county budget under the list of WPA projects for 1940-41, examination of the budget reveals.

A total of nearly \$800,000 of general county funds is set up in the budget for sponsor's contributions to WPA projects. Another \$200,000 of county road department funds also will be used for sponsorship of WPA projects, it is shown.

Storm drains, development of parks with recreational improvements, and additions to public buildings are included in the list of WPA projects.

Four Patients Enter Hospital This Week

Four patients entered Torrance Memorial hospital during the past week. They were: George W. Bellman, Los Angeles, last Wednesday for surgery—he is a janitor at the Columbia Steel plant; Mrs. Vilate Erickson, Lomita, for medical care last Wednesday; Jolee Haney, 11, of Harbor City, for surgery last Friday, and Mrs. Dorothy Jones, Manhattan Beach, Sunday for an appendectomy.

The Herald—3 months, 50 cents.

GRAND OPENING GET ACQUAINTED PAINT SALE ALL WEEK - SATURDAY, MAY 18th, THRU SATURDAY, MAY 25th... Hundreds Will Attend This Sale and SAVE MONEY. Includes ads for ENAMEL UNDERCOAT, HOUSE PAINT, FLOOR PAINT, PORCH-DECK and FLOOR ENAMEL, DECORATIVE ENAMEL, WASHABLE WALL PAINT, FLOOR WAX, and LINOLEUM.